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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

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2. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

- a. **THE DIRECTOR.** The Director of Central Intelligence is the President's principal foreign intelligence adviser, leader of the Intelligence Community, and head of the Central Intelligence Agency. He is responsible for executing the responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency and those of his position, as they are prescribed by the National Security Act, National Security Council Intelligence Directives, the Central Intelligence Agency Act, other legislation, and by Presidential directives.
- b. **THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR.** The Deputy Director "shall act for, and exercise the powers of, the Director during his absence or disability" (section 102(a) of the National Security Act). He also acts in compliance with Presidential directives, and is authorized to exercise all authorities vested in the Director of Central Intelligence by law or by virtue of the Director's position as Director of Central Intelligence and head of the Central Intelligence Agency, including, but not limited to, the certification authority set forth in section 8(b) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, except for any authorities the delegation of which is inconsistent with applicable law.

L.c. RESERVED.

(2) CIA HISTORICAL STAFF

- (a) **Mission.** The Chief of the CIA Historical Staff is responsible for developing and directing the Agency's Historical Program. The total program consists of separate programs in each directorate and independent office and, based upon these, an overall Agency program. The Chief, CIA Historical Staff, will provide professional guidance and assistance to the total program with the objective of producing histories for background reading and orientation for operating officials, and recording
- (1) the role of the Director of Central Intelligence as the coordinator of the United States intelligence effort;
 - (2) the performance of the Central Intelligence Agency in the support of national security.
- (b) **Functions.** The Chief, CIA Historical Staff, will
- (1) develop a continuing program to write the history of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency and its components, including headquarters and overseas activities and operations, using for this purpose writers assigned by the several components and writers attached directly to the Historical Staff;
 - (2) provide guidance and direction to and review the implementation of the Agency Historical Program;
 - (3) review for acceptance into the CIA Historical Program histories submitted by Agency components;
 - (4) participate in establishing and maintaining criteria to identify Agency records of historical value by providing guidance to Agency records management, retention, retrieval, and disposal programs;
 - (5) develop and maintain a collection of research aids and selected documents to assist Agency historical writers; acquisition of documents to be with the consent of the originating or controlling component;
 - (6) serve as historical adviser to the Director, and provide guidance and support to Agency officials on matters of historical interest and concern;
 - (7) assist in such other Agency activities as may call for the participation of a historian.

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Remarks:					
<p>I am returning your suggestion of 9 May regarding assigning the Agency History Program to the IG. I am sorry I took no effective action on this suggestion. My own feeling was that I could see no really good reason why this Program should be assigned to the IG and felt that, if there, in the competing with Audit and Inspection Staffs for IG attention, it would come out a poor third. I did discuss your proposal informally with the DCI who felt -- it should not be under the IG -- equally, it should not be in a directorate.</p>					
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FROM: NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.				DATE	
Donald F. Chamberlain				22/12/75	
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INSPECTOR GENERAL

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27 May 1975

TO: IG

Don:

With reference to your recent statement about the Agency history program, Colby gave me clear terms of reference in June 1973. They have affirmed and expanded since.

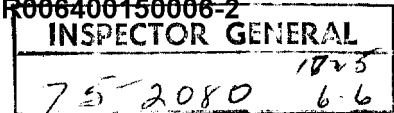
I'll be glad to brief you at your convenience.



Walt Eider

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6 June 1975

NOTE TO: Don Chamberlain

I wish to renew my offer to brief you on how the Director and I view the CIA history program.

Blake's memo to you on this subject needs an answer so that the history program can go forward.



Walt Elder

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